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Polymeric Antimicrobial Surfaces, And Methods For Preparation**  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND  
AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS**

Sir:

This submission responds to an Action containing a Restriction Requirement mailed by the Office on March 23, 2005, being paper no. 20050320.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants submit herewith a Request for a Three-Month Extension of time for the period ending July 25, 2005, and the appropriate fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)(3).

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to an Information Disclosure Statement, submitted by official facsimile on July 22, 2005, listing seventy-five citations. Copies of one foreign reference and ten nonpatent literature references accompanied the submission. Typos in the Form 1449s sent on July 22, 2005 are corrected by 6 pages transmitted herewith. Also sent herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement listing seven prior art citations, of which two are nonpatent literature references. Copies of these two references are transmitted herewith.

**NOTICE OF COPENDING APPLICATIONS**

Applicants also draw the Examiner's attention to a Notice of Copending Applications submitted by official facsimile on July 22, 2005.

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Response to Restriction Requirement

In the SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the TITLE of the Invention AS FOLLOWS:

~~Absorbent~~ Materials with Covalently-Bonded, Nonleachable, Polymeric Antimicrobial Surfaces[[,]]  
and Methods for Preparation